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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 29 have been already allowed as indicated in a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due mailed on November 1, 2004. However, Applicant has submitted a request for continuing examination (RCE) in view of an Information Disclosure Statement that is concurrently submitted with the RCE.

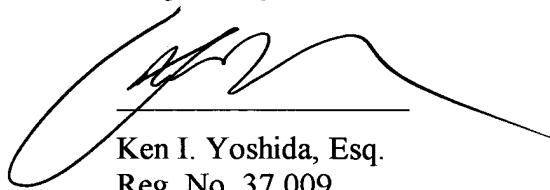
Although claim 1 has been allowed, since misspelling was discovered, the informality is corrected to explicitly recite "single" in the current amendment. Similarly, although claims 8 and 16-20 have been allowed, the patentable subject matter has been clarified. Applicant believes that none of these amendments changes the scope of the allowed claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits to the Examiner that a new search should be necessary for claims 8 and 16-20.

In addition, Applicant has added new claims in the current amendment. Newly added claims have been supported by the original disclosures of the current application and no new matter has been introduced to the current application.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

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